

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A piston-cylinder assembly having a speed-dependent damping force, said assembly comprising

a cylinder having an axis,

a piston rod which is axially movable in said cylinder,

a piston fixed to said piston rod, said piston dividing said cylinder into a working space surrounding said piston rod and a working space remote from said piston rod, said working spaces being filled with a damping medium, said piston having at least one flow passage connecting said working spaces and a circular valve seat surface facing said working space remote from said piston rod, and

a valve body which is urged away from said valve seat surface by a spring, said valve body having a conical surface which moves toward said valve seat surface as a function of dynamic pressure of said damping medium on said valve body and bearing against said circular valve seat surface making linear contact in a maximally closed position.

Claim 2 (original): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 1 further comprising a pin having a guide surface on which said valve body is guided axially, and a seal arranged between the valve body and the guide surface.

Claim 3 (original): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 1 wherein said piston has a blind hole which accommodates said spring, said blind hole having a bottom from which said at least one flow passage extends.

Claim 4 (original): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 3 wherein said spring is a conical coil spring having a larger diameter end with an end coil which is arranged on the bottom of the blind hole, said at least one flow passage extending from radially within the end coil.

Claim 5 (original): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 1 wherein said valve body consists of plastic.

Claim 6 (original): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 1 further comprising an axially adjustable stop against which the valve body is urged by the spring.

Claim 7 (original): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 1 wherein said valve seat surface is adjustable to move axially relative to said piston.

Claim 8 (original): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 7 comprising a valve seat ring, said valve seat surface being located on said valve seat ring.

Claim 9 (original): A piston-cylinder-assembly as in claim 8 wherein said valve seat ring has a threaded connection to said piston.

Claim 10 (original): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 1 further comprising a separating piston arranged on said piston rod and separating the working space surrounding the piston rod from an equalizing space.

Claim 11 (new): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 2, wherein clearance is provided between the guide surface and the valve body, said clearance providing angular mobility of the valve body with respect to the guide surface.

Claims 12 (new): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 3, wherein said blind hole has an inside wall which intersects an end surface of said piston to form said circular valve seat.

Claim 13 (new): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 12, wherein said end surface of said piston is a planar surface.

Claim 14 (new): A piston-cylinder assembly as in claim 12, wherein said inside wall is a cylindrical wall.